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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KARAM ET AL.

Examiner

Robert L. Nasser

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The means for disclosed sterilizing are not part of the device. Hence, the device does not include means for sterilizing and this feature is not disclosed. Clarification is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Waterbury 4733383. Waterbury teaches a wrist watch, which is a which has multiple sensors to measure skin parameters, resistance, pH, temperature, and a processor to receive signals from the sensor to determine a radiation dosage received by the skin, which is a chemical property of the skin. Claim 5 is rejected in that the base is fixed. Claim 6 is rejected in that the wrist watch is mobile. Claim 8 is rejected in that the wrist watch has a display.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamazaki et al 4813412. Claim 1 is rejected in that Yamazaki et al shows a device with a plurality of skin condition sensors that are "arranged in a acquisition region" and a processor for determining skin condition from the sensors. Claim 2 is rejected in that there is a pH sensor 2, a moisture sensor 1, and a fingerprint sensor 6, which is a ccd camera and is capable of sensing a finger contour. Claim 3 is rejected in that there is also a temperature sensor 3. Claim 8 is rejected in that there is a display 14. Claim 9 is rejected that each of the sensors is a mobile component. Hence, there are a plurality of mobile components.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki et al in view of Haddock et al 6712771. Haddock teaches that a MEMS temperature sensor is a known temperature sensor. Hence, it would have been obvious to modify Yamazaki to use a MEMS device, as it is merely the substitution of one known equivalent sensor for another.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Waterbury in view of Haddock et al 6712771. Haddock teaches that a MEMS temperature sensor is a known temperature sensor. Hence, it would have been obvious

to modify Yamazaki to use a MEMS device, as it is merely the substitution of one known equivalent sensor for another.

Claims 7 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki et al. The examiner takes official notice that it is well known to wirelessly transmit sensor signals from the sensor to the processor, to allow the user mobility during measurement. Hence, it would have been obvious to modify Yamazaki to use a wireless connection, to increase patient comfort. Claim 12 is rejected in the examiner takes official notice that it is well known to sterilize medical equipment between uses.

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Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki et al in view of Ouellette 5938593. Yamazaki states that it selects a cosmetic product based on the skin condition, but does not disclose how. Ouellette teaches a method to select a product by classifying the skin type based on measurements, i.e. as dry, oily etc, and then accessing a database of products to select the product. Hence, it would have been obvious to modify Yamazaki et al to use such a method, as it is merely the selection of a known selection mechanism in the art.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Bromba and Roe show similar skin condition sensing systems.

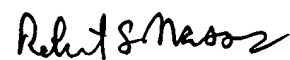
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert L. Nasser whose telephone number is 571 272-4731. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor II can be reached on 571 272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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